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Contact: O.L. Van Tenney, General Manager, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Setting: Meeting at GCID

Van Tenney and I discussed Van's thoughts on conjunctive use and related issues. The following is a summary of our meeting:

- I. GCID currently has a voluntary conjunctive use program.
 - A. Landowners allow the district to purchase their groundwater on annual basis; GCID can then dictate when wells are used and can incorporate groundwater into surface water supply.
 - B. GCID has no formal recharge program
- II. GCID would likely participate in a conjunctive use program if it was ensured and demonstrated that safe yield would not be exceeded
 - A. The program commitment should be to the proper management of water -- who gets the benefits should not be the most significant part of equation.
 - B. A conjunctive use program should be tied to off-stream storage and other resource management issues.
 - C. The program should also look at demand and supply side management.
- III. Obstacles to implementing a Conjunctive Use Program
 - A. Fear that North State water is being used to supply a growing Southern California.
 - B. Fear of loss of area of origin rights.
 - C. Fear that some individual landowners may plunder groundwater supplies
 - D. Glenn County is being petitioned by some to write ordinance; this may impact implementation of conjunctive use program
 - E. State needs model of what a meaningful, practical MOU or ordinance between district & County would look like to help entities work together.
 - F. Financing of wells and infrastructure.
- IV. Difficult to hold conversation about solutions for these obstacles unless there is a sense of trust and good faith; participants must believe that there will be no end-runs.
- V. Sacramento River Basin Inland Plan
 - A. Being evaluated for water quality.
 - B. City/County of Sacramento is looking at upstream users.
 - C. Sacramento should align itself with upstream users to provide consensus for south of Delta claim.

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- VI. Other districts likely to participate in a conjunctive use program
 - A. RD 108
 - B. Natomas, Peter Hughes
 - C. TC districts: Mary Wells, Westside; Michael Alves, Canawa & Glide
 - 1. Subject to savage cutbacks in drought
 - 2. Would benefit from conjunctive use program.
 - D. Princeton - Lance Boyd